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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/2/2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 2/2/2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

(1) Page 11, paragraph 0033, lines 9-10, where cited "and a chrominance value 350(a)i(3), a luminance value 350(a)(4), and a chrominance value 305(a)(5)" rephrase "a luminance value 350(a)(4), and a chrominance value 305(a)(5)" such that it will conform to the drawings of Figure 3A.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 5 recites the limitation "the plurality of dominant color". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 2 recites "a dominant color value", but does not recites "the plurality of dominant color." Examiner does not see that these are the same value or set of value.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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5. Claims 1, 6-7, 14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over Yajima et al (US Patent Number 5,764,804).

Yajima et al teaches a method of decoding an encoded video file and pixel (the file is compose of pixels, each pixel is process individually), comprising:

(1) Regarding claims 1 and 14:

receiving the encoded video file, wherein the encoded video file (abstract, figure 1, column 1 lines 20-45) includes a plurality of encoded video data tables (column 1 lines 20-45, column 2 lines 40-50, column 3 lines 1-15) and a plurality of reference pixel value sets (abstract, column 1 lines 30-35, column 2 lines 35-40, column 3 lines 1-15);

decoding the plurality of encoded video data tables (abstract, figure 1, column 1 lines 45-60, column 2 lines 35-40, column 3 lines 15-35) using the plurality of reference pixel value sets (abstract, figure 1, column lines 50-55, column 2 lines 35-40, column 3 lines 20-25); and

returning decoded video data (column 2 lines 1-10).

(2) Regarding claims 6 and 18:

wherein the plurality of reference pixel value sets includes a red reference pixel value set, a blue reference pixel value set, a green reference pixel value set, and a black reference pixel value set (abstract, column 1 lines 25-67, column 3 lines 1-35, column 4 lines 25-44. The line buffer functions as a reference pixel generating mean for generating reference pixels for the input image data stream.

Since the only color incoming data stream are only of red, green and blue, these will be the plurality of dominate color values to determine the reference color.).

(3) Regarding claims 7 and 19:

wherein each reference pixel value set of the plurality of reference pixel value sets includes a reference color value set, a reference chrominance value, and a reference luminance value (abstract, column 1 lines 25-67, column 3 lines 1-35, column 4 lines 25-44. The line buffer functions as a reference pixel generating mean for generating reference pixels for the input image data stream. Information regarding a pixel not only includes the color value data set regarding RGB, but also values such as chrominance and luminance. Examiner sees that all these values being procuress by the line buffer and outputting a dominate/reference values for these data sets.).

(4) Regarding claim 16:

wherein each reference pixel value (column 2 lines 35-40) set of the plurality of reference pixel value sets includes a plurality of pixel color parameters (column 1 lines 25-45, column 3 lines 1-15, figure 2, figure 5, figure 25) cross referenced with one dominant color value of the plurality of dominant color values (column 4 lines 25-35. There is a stated discriminating means that function to cross reference all color values to find at the reference/dominate values to store.).

(5) Regarding claim 17:

wherein the plurality of dominant color values comprises a red value, a blue value, and a green value (abstract, column 1 lines 25-67, column 3 lines 1-35, column 4 lines 25-44. The line buffer functions as a reference pixel generating mean for generating reference pixels for the input image data stream. Since the only color incoming data stream are only of red, green and blue, these will be the plurality of dominate color values to determine the reference color.).

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 2-5, 8, 10-11, 15 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima et al (US Patent Number 5,764,804) in view of Lambert et al (US Patent Number 4,730,214).

(1) Regarding claims 2 and 15:

Yajima et al teaches analyzing each encoded video (column 2 lines 1-10) data table (abstract, figure 25, column 1 lines 20-45) of the plurality of encoded video data tables sequentially (figure 4), wherein each encoded video data table (abstract, figure 25, column 1 lines 20-45, column 3 lines 1-15) represents an encoded video frame (column 2 lines 1-10); decomposing each encoded video data table into a plurality of rows (column 1 lines 30-35 shows how data is stream

into the line buffer rows to determine reference pixels), for each row, determining a reference pixel parameter set of the plurality of reference pixel parameter (figure 1, column 1 lines 20-45, column 2 lines 35-50) sets by looking-up the dominant color value (column 2 lines 35-45) within the plurality of reference pixel value sets (column 2 lines 40-45); storing the pixel color parameter set into a decoded row in a decoded video data table (abstract, figure 1, figure 24, column 1 lines 45-60, column 2 lines 40-50, column 3 lines 15-30).

Yajija et al does not teach wherein each row includes a dominant color value, a scaled color value, and a scaled value set; and multiplying the scaled value set by the reference pixel parameter set to provide an expanded value set; multiplying the scaled color value by the reference pixel parameter set to provide a pixel color parameter set.

However, Lambert et al teaches wherein each row includes a dominant color value (column 1 lines 50-57. Intensity value is seen as the dominate value.), a scaled color value (column 1 lines 50-57. Not only grey scale values, but also for the familiar red, green and blue color scale values.), and a scaled value set (column 1 lines 50-57); and multiplying the scaled value set by the reference pixel parameter set to provide an expanded value set (column 1 lines 50-57, column 6 lines 40-61. Adjusting is seen as the multiplication function of in scaling the reference value set to become the expended value set for display.); multiplying the scaled color value by the reference pixel parameter set to provide a pixel color parameter set (column 1 lines 50-57, column 6 lines 40-61.

Adjusting is seen as the multiplication function of in scaling the reference value set to become the expended value set for display.).

It would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ Lambert et al teaching to Yajija et al regarding each row includes a dominant color value, a scaled color value, and a scaled value set and multiplying the scaled value set by the reference pixel parameter set to provide an expended value set; multiplying the scaled color value by the reference pixel parameter set to provide a pixel color parameter set, such that using of the scaled value upon the reference/dominate values will produce a set of desired data signal from the data set (column 4 lines 1-5) and there will be no deviation from the original data set, and this will thereby reduce the likelihood of data corruption.

(2) Regarding claim 3:

Yajima et al teaches regarding wherein each encoded video data table of the plurality of encoded video data tables includes a plurality of rows, wherein each row of the plurality of rows includes a dominant color value of a plurality of dominant color values

Yajima et al does not teach regarding scaled color value of a plurality of color values, and a scaled value set of a plurality of scaled value sets.

However, Lambert et al teaches regarding scaled color value (column 1 lines 50-57) of a plurality of color values (column 1 lines 55-57), and a scaled value set of a plurality of scaled value sets (column 1 lines 55-57.).

It would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ Lambert et al teaching to Yajima et al regarding scaled color value of a plurality of color values and a scaled value set of a plurality of scaled value sets, such that using of the scaled value upon the reference/dominate values will produce a set of desired data signal from the data set (column 4 lines 1-5) and no deviation (column 2 lines 5-10) from the original data, and this will thereby reduce the likelihood of data corruption.

(3) Regarding claim 4:

Yajima et al further teaches wherein each reference pixel value (column 2 lines 35-40) set of the plurality of reference pixel value sets includes a plurality of pixel color parameters (column 1 lines 25-45, column 3 lines 1-15, figure 2, figure 5, figure 25) cross referenced with one dominant color value of the plurality of dominant color values (column 4 lines 25-35. There is a stated discriminating means that function to cross reference all color values to find at the reference/dominate values to store.).

(4) Regarding claim 5:

Yajima et al further teaches wherein the plurality of dominant color values comprises a red value, a blue value, and a green value (abstract, column 1 lines 25-67, column 3 lines 1-35, column 4 lines 25-44. The line buffer functions as a reference pixel generating mean for generating reference pixels for the input image data stream. Since the only color incoming data stream are only of red,

green and blue, these will be the plurality of dominate color values to determine the reference color.).

(5) Regarding claim 8:

Yajima et al further teaches wherein decoding the plurality of encoded video data tables (column 1 lines 45-60, column 2 lines 1-10, column 2 lines 40-50) further comprises constructing the decoded video data (column 1 lines 45-60) from a plurality of the decoded video data table (column 1 lines 45-60, column 2 lines 40-50, column 3 line 15-35.).

(6) Regarding claims 10 and 21:

Yajima et al teaches all that is mention above.

Yajima et al does not teach regarding expanded the expanded chrominance value, and expanded luminance value.

However, Lambert et al teaches regarding expanding values (column 6 lines 45-63. Adjusting that is used in this sense is seen as expanding the given data values that are encoded. Note that chrominance and luminance are inherit values that are traditionally collected.)

It would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ Lambert et al teachings to Yajima et al regarding expanding the data values, such that using of the scaled value upon the reference/dominate values will produce the desire signals from the data set (column 4 lines 1-5) and no deviation (column 2 lines 5-10) from the original data set, and this will thereby reduce the integrity of the expanded data set.

(7) Regarding claims 11 and 22:

wherein the pixel color parameter set include one or more of RGB values, CMYK values, component video values, and composite video values (These are inherent values that are collected by traditional method to recreate the values of the pixel.).

8. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima et al (5,764,804) in view of Ando et al (6,662,309 B2).

(1) Regarding claim 9:

Yajima et al teaches about decoding the encoded video file information by reversing what was encoded.

Yajima et al does not teach about headers.

However, Ando et al teaches about header (figure 23. Figure 23 shows that header of different sorts that gives instructions regarding the processes of the data.)

It would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ Ando et al teachings to Yajima et al regarding header, such that when the apparatus receiving the encoded data table processing it will process the data frame group back into the accuracy format.

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9. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima et al (US Patent Number 5,764,804) in view of Lambert et al (US Patent Number 4,730,214) as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Ando et al (6,662,309 B2).

(1) Regarding claim 12:

Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, teaches regarding encoded file.

Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, does not teach about network files server.

However, Ando et al teaches regarding network file server (column 11 lines 45-60).

It would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ Ando et al teachings to Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, regarding network file server, such that it would be a secure and efficient way to transfer data file from one location to another.

10. Claims 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima et al (US Patent Number 5,764,804) in view of Lambert et al (US Patent Number 4,730,214 as applied to claim 15 above, and further in view of Ando et al (6,662,309 B2).

(1) Regarding claim 20:

Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, teaches about decoding the encoded video file information by reversing what was encoded.

Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, does not teach about headers.

However, Ando et al teaches about header (figure 23. Figure 23 shows that header of different sorts that gives instructions regarding the processes of the data.)

It would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ Ando et al teachings to Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, regarding header, such that when the apparatus receiving the encoded data table processing it will process the data frame group back into the accuracy format and reduce the likelihood of outputting corrupt data set.

(2) Regarding claim 23:

Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, teaches regarding encoded file.

Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, does not teach about network files server.

However, Ando et al teaches regarding network file server (column 11 lines 45-60).

It would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ Ando et al teachings to Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, regarding network file server, such that it would be a secure and efficient way to transfer data file from one location to another.

11. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima et al (US Patent Number 5,764,804) in view of Lambert et al (US Patent Number

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4,730,214 as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Kubota et al (US

2003/0084462 A1)

(1) Regarding claim 13:

Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, teaches regarding decoded video file table.

Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, does not teach broadcasting protocol include NTSC, PAL, SECAM, RGB, CMYK, and HDTV.

However, Kubota et al teaches regarding broadcasting protocol include NTSC, PAL, SECAM, RGB, CMYK, and HDTV (page 1 paragraph 0007, page 7 paragraph 0101).

It would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ Kubota et al teachings to Yajima et al, as modified by Lambert, regarding broadcasting protocol include NTSC, PAL, SECAM, RGB, CMYK, and HDTV, such that it conforms with establish broadcasting standard for data transfer and display for the viewers.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Chen et al (US Patent Number 5,805,735) disclose method and apparatus for compression of digitized image data using variable color fidelity

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tsung-Yin Tsai whose telephone number is (571) 270-1671. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm ESP.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shuwang Liu can be reached on (571) 272-3036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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